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Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 97-21

Purpose of letter - requesting year three funds to be approved

Form 471 Application Number: 168087  
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001  
Billed Entity Number: 132829

Funding Request number: 338410

SPIN: 143001856 Service Provider: Ameritech-Wisconsin

Billing Account Number: 4145298220

Pre-Discount Amount \$114,000.00

Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Technology Plan Required

In a letter dated August 14, 2000 (Appendix B) we requested an appeal to reduce the funding amount due to denial (Appendix A) because of not having a technology plan. When we originally filed the form 471, we believed the items we were filing for did not require a technology plan. At the filing date of form 471, we did not have a technology plan. The appeal attempted to remove the items that required a technology plan.

After the Schools and Libraries Division received our appeal, I received a call from an individual named Jodie. She indicated her supervisor, David Gorbunoff, suggested that we complete our technology plan. She advised that they would put the appeal on hold until the technology plan was received.

We completed the Technology Plan and submitted our state letter of certification of the technology plan February 28, 2001 (Appendix C). In a letter dated April 20, 2001 (Appendix D), we advised we have not filed the form 486 as we are waiting to receive a Funding Commitment Decision letter advising that the originally requested pre-discount amount of \$114,000 has been approved.

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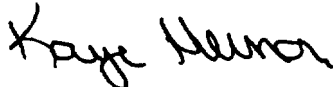
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We received denial of the appeal in a letter dated April 27, 2001 (Appendix E). The original appeal should be denied as we no longer want the funding request reduced as we now have the technology plan. The concern is the appeal indicates the "FRN included services for which a technology plan is required and (you) were given an opportunity to submit the required document during the SLD review. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal because no technology plan was submitted during our review process."

After contacting the client service bureau, it appears we are not entitled to any funds. My request is to receive a Funding Commitment Decision letter advising that the originally requested pre-discount amount of \$114,000 has been approved as we do have a technology plan.

Please advise if there is anything else required for you to assist us in rectifying this very labor intensive process.

Sincerely,



Kaye Hernon  
Comptroller

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SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES DIVISION

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER

(Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001)

July 21, 2000

FRANKLIN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT  
James Milzer  
8255 W FOREST HILL AVE  
FRANKLIN, WI 53132-9705

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 168087  
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001  
Billed Entity Number: 132829

Thank you for your 2000-2001 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. We have completed review of your Form 471. This letter is to advise you of our decision(s).

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. We have reviewed each Discount Funding Request on your Form 471 application and have assigned a Funding Request Number (FRN) to each Block 5. The enclosed report includes a list of the FRNs from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) upon the filing of your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that defines each line of the Report.

NEXT STEPS

Once you have reviewed this letter and have determined that some or all of your requests have been funded, your next step to facilitate receipt of discounts as featured in this letter will be to file an FCC Form 486 with the SLD. The Form 486 notifies the SLD to begin payment to your service provider and provides certified indication that your technology plan(s) has been approved. The Form 486 will be mailed to you under separate cover and is also available on the SLD web site at [www.sl.universalservice.org](http://www.sl.universalservice.org). If you are filing a Form 486 for Funding Year 3 services (July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001), there are certain circumstances under which you will be able to file your Form 486 before the receipt of services. These circumstances are detailed in the letter being sent to you under separate cover and on the web site. As you complete Form 486, you should also contact your service provider to verify they have received notice from the SLD of your funding commitments. After the SLD processes your Form 486, we can begin processing invoices from your service provider(s) so they can be reimbursed for discounted services they have provided you.

TO APPEAL THESE FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISIONS

If you wish to appeal the Funding Commitment Decision(s) (FCD) indicated in this letter, your appeal must be made in writing and RECEIVED BY THE SLD at the address below WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE ABOVE DATE ON THIS LETTER. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.

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FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 168087

Funding Request Number: 338410 Funding Status: Not Funded  
SPIN: 143001856 Service Provider Name: Ameritech-Wisconsin (aka Wisconsin Bell Teleph  
Contract Number: NA  
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Services  
Earliest Possible Effective Date of Discount: 07/01/2000  
Contract Expiration Date: 04/23/2002  
Billing Account Number: 4145298220  
Pre-Discount Amount: \$114,000.00  
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: N/A  
Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Technology Plan Required  
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The FRN references services for which a  
Technology Plan is required.

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August 14, 2000

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Appealing:  
Form 471 Application Number: 168087  
Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001  
Billed Entity Number: 132829

Contact to discuss appeal:

Kaye Hernon, Comptroller  
Franklin Public School District  
8255 W. Forest Hill Avenue  
Franklin, WI 53132  
(414) 529-8260 Ext. 180 fax: (414) 529-82340  
e-mail: HernonK@franklin.k12.wi.us

Funding Request number: 338410

SPIN: 143001856 Service Provider: Ameritech-Wisconsin

Billing Account Number: 4145298220

Pre-Discount Amount \$114,000.00

Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Technology Plan Required

We are appealing the denial for funding as the originally pre-discount amount submitted in the amount of \$114,000 included Centrex charges which require a technology plan.

We are requesting to amend the amount submitted to \$61,096.00. This is the amount paid in 99/00 for Local/Long Distance Service and POTS as listed on the CC Docket No. 96-45, Schools and Libraries Eligibility List, page 7 and 8. We have removed \$52,904 that related to the Centrex charges as we are not submitting a technology plan. Also, we have not shown any increase from our actual 99/00 school year allowable expenditures for program year 3.

Please consider approving Form 471 for year three in the amount of \$61,096.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Contact Name on forms  
James Milzer, Director of Business Services

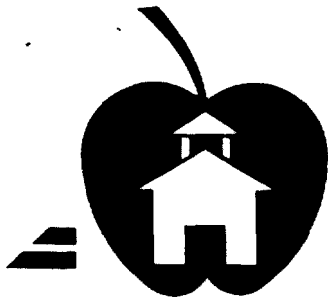
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cc: Bob Bocher, Department of Public Instruction

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February 28, 2001

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981

Regarding hold status as need tech plan:  
Form 471 Application Number: 168087  
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Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Technology Plan Required

In a letter dated August 14, 2000, we requested an appeal due to denial of funding. When we originally filed form 471, we did not have our technology plan completed, the reason for the denial. We have now received state certification for our technology plan. A copy of the state certification is enclosed.

Please confirm receipt of the certification so that we can continue with e-rate filing requirements.

Respectfully submitted,

Contact Name on forms  
James Milzer, Director of Business Services

Kaye Hernon

cc: Stuart Ciske, Wisconsin Dept. of Public Instruction

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STATE OF WISCONSIN  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
101 East Wilson Street, Madison, Wisconsin  
Mark D. Bugher, Secretary

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
125 South Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin  
John T. Benson, State Superintendent



APPENDIX C  
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Mailing Addresses:  
Dept. of Administration  
Post Office Box 7864  
Madison, WI 53707-7864

Dept. of Public Instruction  
Post Office Box 7841  
Madison, WI 53707-7841

February 20, 2001

Gerald K. Freitag  
District Administrator  
Franklin Public School District  
8255 W. Forest Hill Avenue  
Franklin, WI 53132-9705

RE: FCC "E-rate" technology plan certification

Dear Mr. Freitag:

This is to notify you that the technology plan for the Franklin Public School District has been certified as meeting the full, comprehensive set of planning criteria.

This certification will be valid until 12/31/05, which coincides with the expiration date of your plan. It allows you to participate for the duration of the certification in the FCC Universal Service Fund E-rate program, as well as any other federal or state technology program requiring a state- certified technology plan.

After this date, you will need to submit a revised or updated technology plan for review by the Department of Public Instruction. We will keep you informed of any changes in the planning criteria or planning certification process.

If you have questions regarding these results, please contact Stuart Ciske, DPI Instructional Technology Consultant, at 608-267-9289 or [stuart.ciske@dpi.state.wi.us](mailto:stuart.ciske@dpi.state.wi.us).

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of George Lightbourn.

George Lightbourn  
Secretary  
Department of Administration

Handwritten signature of John T. Benson.

John T. Benson  
State Superintendent  
Department of Public Instruction

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April 20, 2001

Letter of Appeal  
Schools and Libraries Division  
Box 125 - Correspondence Unit  
80 South Jefferson Road  
Whippany, NJ 07981  
Attn: David Gorbunoff

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Funding Year 3: 07/01/2000 - 06/30/2001  
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Funding Commitment Decision: \$0.00 - Technology Plan Required

In a letter dated August 14, 2000, we requested an appeal due to denial of funding. When we originally filed form 471, we did not have our technology plan completed, which was the reason for the denial. We have now received state certification for our technology plan as advised in the letter dated February 28, 2001 to you.

We have not filed form 486 as we are waiting to receive a Funding Commitment Decision Letter advising that the Pre-Discount Amount of \$114,000 has been approved.

Please advise if they are any other steps we need to take.

Sincerely,

Kaye Hernon

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Contact name on forms  
James Milzer, Director of Business Services

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( 4/23/01 Maria 973-428-7346 called to advise the appeal is still pending. no further info )





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**Universal Service Administrative Company**  
Schools & Libraries Division

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**Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2000-2001**

April 27, 2001

James Milzer  
Franklin Public School District  
8255 W Forest Hill Ave  
Franklin, WI 53132

Re: Billed Entity Number: 132829  
471 Application Number: 168087  
Funding Request Number(s): 338410  
Your Correspondence Dated: August 14, 2000, February 28, 2001

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company ("USAC") has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Year Three Funding Commitment Decision for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 30-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"). If your letter of appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that for each application for which an appeal is submitted, a separate letter is sent.

**Funding Request Number:** 338410  
**Decision on Appeal:** **Denied in full**  
**Explanation:**

- In your letter of appeal, you requested SLD to amend the amount of this funding request to \$61,096 by removing the \$52,904 in Centrex charges, which require a Technology Plan. You are asking the SLD to modify your funding request amount to pay for the local/long distance and POT services.
- Corrections to the application can not be made once the application has been reviewed unless proven the error is the fault of SLD. Your original Form 471 indicates that the services for which you requested funding included local/long distance, POTS and Centrex services. This FRN included services for which a technology plan is required and you were given an opportunity to submit the required documentation during SLD review. Consequently, SLD denies your appeal because no technology plan was submitted during our review process.

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- We are unable to separate the **Centrex Charges** from the request, and create a new funding request. This would become a request for additional funds that were not included in the Form 471 in regard to which you are appealing SLD's funding decision. FCC rules require that funding requests be made on Forms 471. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.504. Funding requests may not be made on appeals of SLD funding commitment decisions. Whether your request can be considered for funding will depend on the date your Form 471 is received and, if it is received after the close of the filing window, whether funds are available. See 47 C.F.R. § 54.507(g). Consequently, SLD denies your appeal insofar as it requests funding not requested in the Form 471, which forms the basis of this appeal.

If you believe there is a basis for further examination of your application, you may file an appeal with the Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Room TW-A325, Washington, DC 20554. Please reference CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 97-21 on the first page of your appeal. Before preparing and submitting your appeal, please be sure to review the FCC rules concerning the filing of an appeal of an Administrator's Decision, which are posted on the website at <[www.universalservice.org](http://www.universalservice.org)>. **You must file your appeal with the FCC no later than 30 days from the date on this letter for your appeal to be filed in a timely fashion.**

We thank you for your continued support, patience, and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division  
Universal Service Administrative Company

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